

CNE'S ENGINEERING MASTER CHIEF ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETS
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NORFOLK, Va. - The Center for Naval Engineering (CNE) hosted the 2nd Engineering Master Chief Advisory Committee (EMCAC) meeting on August 31, 2004, to review the status of engineering training initiatives. The master chiefs, representing among others, Afloat Training Group, Combined Fleet Forces Command, Commander Surface Forces, and Commander Air Forces, reviewed the status of implementing the New Enlisted Engineering Continuum, which is comprised of the Basic Engineering Common Course (BECC), the Engineering Operator Course, and the Engineering Plant Manager Course. The advisory committee reviewed continuum pilot results, and knowledge and performance assessments of BECC, which officially replaced the old A school system as of August 17, 2004. As a result of the new curriculum, Gas Turbine Systems Technician (Mechanical), Engineman, Machinist's Mate, and Damage Controlman A schools have been shut down, while Electrician's Mate, Gas Turbine Systems Technician (Electrical), Machinery Repairman, and Hull Technician A schools have been modified to support the requirements of apprentice level engineer training.

"The consensus of participants has been overwhelmingly positive; their common sense inputs have been invaluable to the process," said CNE Commanding Officer Capt. Bob Butler. "Having this kind of oversight ensures we are not only being realistic about the changes we are proposing and then making to the training structure, but that the end state is of value to our engineers."

The EMCAC operates virtually via Navy Knowledge Online at www.nko.navy.mil (click on Center for Naval Engineering), in addition to quarterly off site meetings. The next session will be in San Diego, the last week of October. Membership is open to all Engineering Master Chiefs. For more information, contact Todd Haynes at (757) 444-5332 ext 3050 (DSN 564) or email todd.Haynes@navy.mil.